

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Opening 7:02 p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Adequate Notice

- Dan Almind read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Roll Call

- Present: Dan Almind, Craig Coughlan, Craig Geller, Spencer Nicholson and Christine Rodriguez.

Audience Participation

- Craig Coughlan moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
- No audience members approached the podium.
- Craig Coughlan moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Craig Geller moved to accept the 1/8/20 minutes. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain:1. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Scoreboard Controller – Through Bill Lyons, the school said the scoreboard controller is broken. They have tried to repair it. The cost for a new one is \$420. The last time it was replaced it cost \$500 so taxes and shipping may not be reflected in the \$420. Bill recommended we share the cost since we use it very often. Spencer Nicholson moved to pay Memorial School \$250.00 for half of the expected scoreboard controller purchase. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
- Ballfield benches – Spencer Nicholson reported that two wooden benches at the ballfield were broken. A note of apology was left on them. Spencer will try to repair them. There were questions about why the gates were unlocked and who should have checked them.

Old Business:

- Meeting Dates for 2020 –Spencer Nicholson moved to accept the 2020 calendar of meetings. Seconded by Craig Coughlan Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
- Approval of Sports/ Programs liaisons – this will be discussed when all commissioners are present
- Dog Waste Stations – Dan said there are issues with the dog waste receptacles being overfilled but he doesn’t have any additional information about it. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
- Vara Shed – The DPW reported that the Vara shed doors were vandalized. Dan has no additional information at this time.
- Oxford Youth Association (OYA) – Dan will not ask for any motion on this subject without all commissioners present. Discussion included a trial phase through the Girls Softball season, insurance and set up costs, Borough financial input, Board members, commissioners and directors current and future responsibilities, field fees, and new uniforms. Dan will invite the OYA board members to the Feb 12, 2020 Rec Commission meeting for further discussions.

Recreation Secretary’s Report

- No report (absent)

Sports Programs

- Easter Egg Hunt — (all commissioners) – No report.
- 5k – (commission) –No report.
- Youth Soccer – No report
- Street Hockey – (Spencer Nicholson) – The first practice was tonight. Two parents volunteered to coach the younger group. Spencer is waiting for a response from the NJ Devils contact regarding equipment and the Mascot visit. Additional equipment was found at Taylor Street School. Next year Spencer wants to return to having the older children play at Memorial School. The Taylor Street gym is too small. Spencer will replace the old plastic goals with the new metal ones. Gary Masenior (audience) said the metal ones are smaller than regulation for the older group.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) – No report (absent).
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Craig Geller) – The program is doing great. The children are having a good time. Mike Scott has sent videos which have been posted on social media. Mike is enjoying running the program.
- Girls Softball – (Craig Coughlan) – Registration opening has been posted in the school bulletin. Craig asked Christine to post information on the Facebook page. Inventory will be done in the coaches' closet. The number of teams has to be reported to the league February 23. Players can be added to the teams after that but if additional teams are added we would pay a penalty. Dan suggested Craig "round up" the number of teams at each level. Umpires for the Junior level have to be set up. Coaches cannot umpire and they don't like using a parent at the game. Older High School students could fill the positions for their community service requirement. If adults are interested they should be paid for their time. Christine will post a notice on Facebook. Craig said if enrollment is down throughout the league the league fees per team may increase to cover all of their costs.
The softball field has to be cut and new clay put down. DPW will cut the field and can move the clay. Craig believes last year's quote was about \$4,800. We need a new quote from the supplier. Delivery should be scheduled for mid-March. Spencer Nicholson moved to get a new quote for ballfield clay. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1. Motion passed.
- Karate – (Sean Farrington) – No report (absent).
- Swim Lessons (Dan Almind) – No report.
- Pool – (Craig Coughlan) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – No report.
- Zumba – No report.

Executive Session (If Necessary)

- No Executive Session.

Facebook page

- No report.

Recap

- No Recap requested.

Commissioner Comments

- No comments

Adjournment

- Spencer Nicholson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.
Adjourn **8:25 PM**